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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN FORCES FOR OMAN

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- 1. SAW PRIME MINISTER RIFAI FEB 23 (HE IS ALSO DEFMIN AND FONMIN) AND EXPLAINED PROBLEM WITH OUT SECRET 1957 DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND FORCES GOING TO OMAN TAKING US-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT AS SET FORTH IN PARA 2A AND 2B REFTEL OMITTING PORTION WHICH IS FYI. THEN GAVE RIFAI DRAFT TEXT TO READ.
- 2. HE CONCURRED IN TEXT AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE ME AS SOON AS OSSIBLE WITH RETURN NOTE ESTABLISHING AGREEMENT.
- 3. WHILE REFTEL DOES NOT SAY SO, PRESUME CONGRESS WILL BE INFORMED IN LINE WITH REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT AGREEMENTS.

  MATTER IS BEING VERY CLOSELY HELD IN JORDAN AND JORDANIANS EXPECT WE WILL RECIPROCATE THIS CONFIDENCE. PRESUME CONGRESS WILL BE INFORMED ON CLASSIFIED BASIS. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ALERT ME TO DETAILS THIS PROCESS AND LET ME HAVE YOUR JUDGEMENT ON WHETHER I SHOULD INFORM RIFAI. IF THERE IS REASONABLE POSSIBILITY OF THIS INFORMATION LEAKING INTO PRESS, I SHOULD INFORM HIM IN ADVANCE IN ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE WHATEVER CONTINGENCY SECRET

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PRESS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROPOSE IN EVENT OF A LEAD

## SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE THAT WITH GOJ.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INORM EMBASSY SANAA IN VIEW OF FACT THAT JORDANIAN-U.S. EXCHANGE OF NOTES ALSO PROVIDES FOR JORDANIAN FORCES TO TAKE U.S.-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO NORTH YEMEN.
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